

Chapter 21 Perfumer

Chris agreed and dismissed Rocco, despite Rocco's apparent wish to stay. He and Kimberly then shared a quiet breakfast before he left.

After Chris left, Kimberly felt a wave of relief wash over her. She completed her meal in quiet contemplation, soon finding a reason to go back to her room.

On her vanity, an array of bottles was displayed, one of which was shaped like a teardrop.

As Kimberly neared, her gaze sharpened. She sat at the vanity and picked up the teardrop-shaped bottle.

Had Rocco been there, he would have immediately recognized this bottle as the one featured on the magazine cover.

Chris had spoken of the internationally acclaimed perfumer Kiley, who was, in reality, Kimberly herself.

This secret identity was closely held by Kimberly, known only to her and Declan from her past life.

Kimberly shut her eyes, and when she opened them again, a coldness filled her gaze. She opened the drawer, removed all the bottles, placed them into a bag, and tucked it away in a hidden corner of the wardrobe.

Having secured the bottles, she shut the wardrobe, settled back on the bed, and after pondering a moment, picked up her phone to initiate a video call.

The call connected swiftly, revealing a delicate and beautiful face on the screen. The woman, not much older than thirty, appeared somewhat tired from several sleepless nights, with dark circles under her eyes that were impossible to hide.

Upon seeing Kimberly, the woman's expression brightened slightly, and she offered a warm smile, radiating familiarity.

"Kimberly, what made you to call today?"

Kimberly's features softened, her voice tender and cheerful. "I just missed you, Auntie Mabel. I have some thrilling news to share with you!"



The woman was Mabel Holden, the leader of the Holden Group.

Kimberly's grandparents had welcomed a daughter later in their lives. Mabel was fifteen years younger than Kimberly's father and only seven years older than Kimberly herself.

Due to their small age difference, Mabel and Kimberly related to each other more as friends or companions instead of the usual elder and junior relationship.

"What's the good news?" Mabel asked, her interest evident.

Just then, a man's voice hesitated in the background. "Ms. Holden, regarding the new energy project..."

On the other end, Mabel's smile disappeared, and her eyebrows drew together in annoyance. "Can't you see I'm on a video call with my niece? Please leave now, and we'll talk about the project later!"

As the rightful heir of the Holden family, Mabel assumed the family responsibilities following the death of Kimberly's father. 📍

Initially, Kimberly was oblivious to the intense internal conflicts within the Holden Group. It was only after encountering some evil individuals, who spoke poorly of Mabel, that Kimberly understood the extent her aunt had gone to safeguard the company and legacy left by her father, having survived three car accidents in a single month.

Feeling sorry for her aunt, Kimberly promptly returned to the Holden family to clarify her position. She desired only the inheritance from her parents and was uninterested in the Holden Group's leadership.

It was only after this that Mabel solidified her leadership role.

After quickly dismissing the project manager, Mabel returned her attention to the video call, her eyes showing concern and her smile slightly strained. "Continue, Kimberly, what's the good news?"

A look of worry crossed Kimberly's face. "Auntie Mabel, you don't have to stress about the funding anymore. I've managed to secure an investment from the Howard family!"

"What did you just say? An investment from the Howard family?"